

Influenza Reporting and Surveillance in Utah

1. Influenza (identified via culture, DFA, or rapid testing) is a reportable disease in Utah.

Influenza is a reportable disease due to the possibility of a pandemic outbreak. Reporting assists the Utah Department of Health in tracking the timing, magnitude, and severity of the influenza season. These data are compiled weekly and are available at www.health.utah.gov/flu

2. Laboratories and clinicians should report all cases of laboratory-identified influenza to their local or state health department within three working days.

A listing of all local health departments and their phone numbers is available at www.health.utah.gov/els/epidemiology/lhd_contact.htm

The Utah Department of Health also has a toll-free 24/7-hotline number for public health emergencies:

1.888.EPI.UTAH (374-8824)

3. [Influenza Morbidity Report Form](#) (pdf file)

4. Surveillance in Utah

In addition to tracking laboratory-identified cases, Public Health employs several other methods to track the timing, magnitude, and severity of the influenza season.

A. School districts report absenteeism data on a weekly basis. These numbers are compared with historical data to determine if excess absenteeism is occurring.

B. Sentinel clinics throughout the state track the percentage of patients presenting with “influenza-like illness” on a weekly basis. These numbers are evaluated to assist with the interpretation of the progress of influenza illness within the community. The weekly surveillance report is available at <http://www.health.utah.gov/flu>.

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